

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

RURAL & METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS

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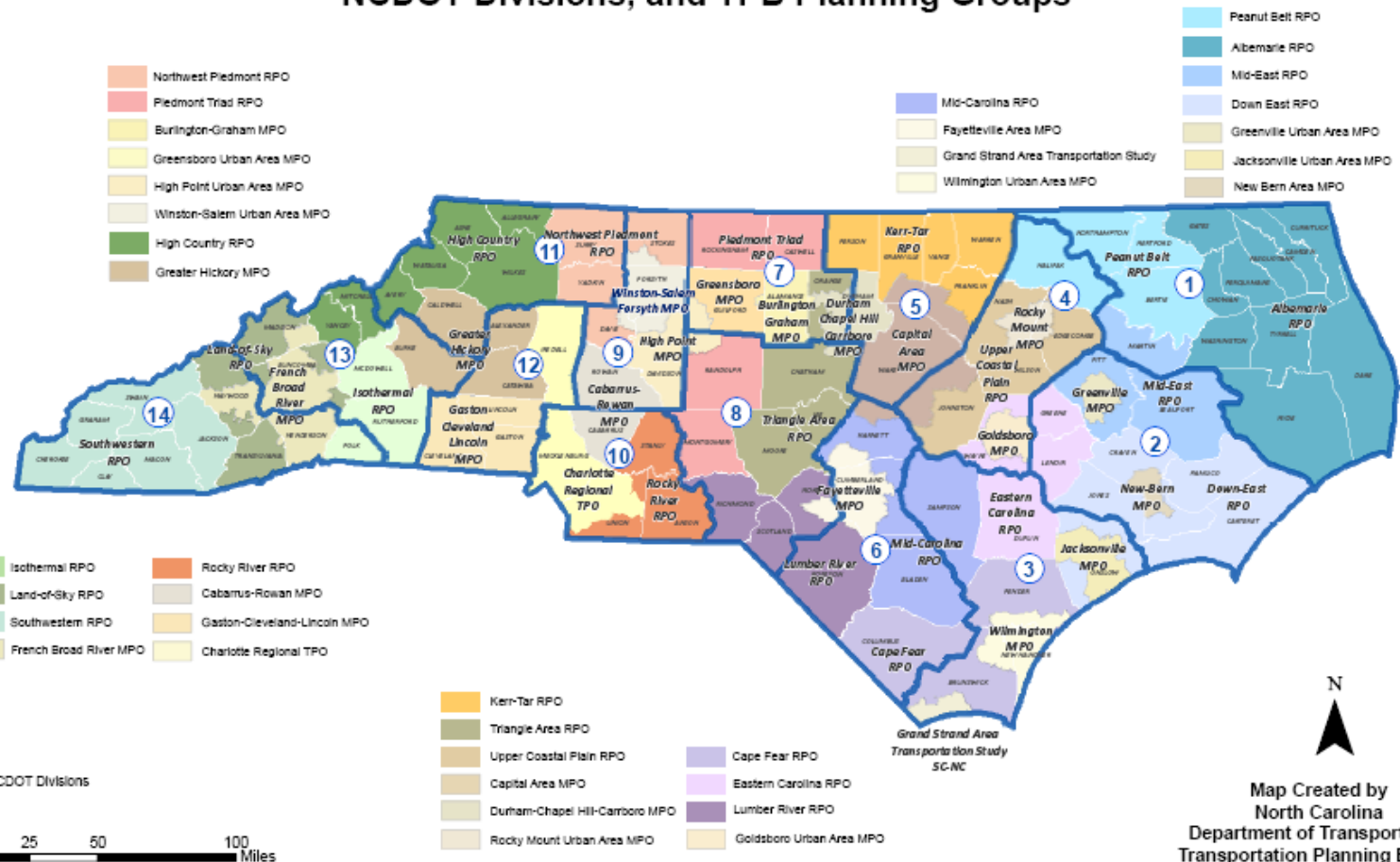
Transportation Partners



- 19 Metropolitan Planning Organizations
- 18 Rural Planning Organizations
- 14 Division Engineers

Transportation Partners

Metropolitan Planning Organizations, Rural Planning Organizations, NCDOT Divisions, and TPB Planning Groups



Workgroup 5

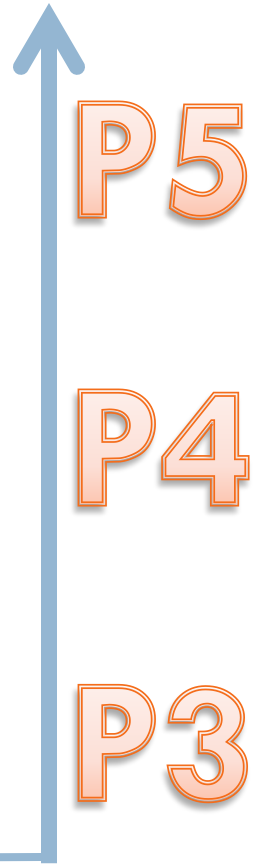
- The *Workgroup* provides a structured process for considering options and transparent decision-making.
- The *Workgroup* is working well and is a national model.



(8 members not pictured)

Prioritization Process Continues Evolving

- Prioritization is an evolving process that is responsive to a changing world.
- The process promotes systematic MPO & RPO needs evaluation and close coordination with Division Engineers and local stakeholders.
- The process provides openness & accountability.
- The process improves project selection.



ev·o·lution (noun) the gradual development of something, especially from a simple to a more complex form

Comprehensive Approach

- Division Engineers/MPOs/RPOs work effectively with elected officials to identify needs and solve problems.
- The combination of MPO/RPO long term, system-wide focus and Division Engineer operational knowledge and regional scope greatly enhances the process.
- The better Division Engineers/MPOs/RPOs coordinate point and project submittals, the better the results for an area.



All MODES

The Workgroup recognizes that all transportation modes play a critical role in moving people and goods and fueling the economy of this great state.



Support

- We recommend increased resources for prioritization and related data collection and analytical functions at NCDOT.
- Continuing to learn as we go and to refine the process over time is important.
- New methods and data collection technologies can improve our ability to measure need and outcomes.



Strong infrastructure System

- The RPOs/MPOs agree that the *Workgroup* still has lots of fine-tuning to do, but we are fully committed to working with NCDOT through that process.
- The RPOs/MPOs agree the state needs to have a strong infrastructure system, for examples; bottle necking in urban places impact on rural areas and/or completion of Strategic Transportation Corridors to move people and goods throughout the state.



QUESTIONS?

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